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Country: Poland

Subject: Organization of Armored Units of the Polish Army



1. The organization of armored units of the Polish Army is as follows:

**CO of Armored Troops:
Deputy:
Chief of Staff:**



a. Departments

**Organization
Training:
Personnel
Supplies
Technical
Exploitation**



b. Units

**Eight T-34 tank regiments
Four KV-40 close support tank regiments
3rd Tank Training Regt; in Modlin; CO: Lt. Col.**



- c. Armored Officer Training Unit: approximately 400 students in Modlin.**

**School CO: [Redacted]
Second in Command: Col. Lotowski; Pole, regular officer, captain before 1939.**

**Two tank battalions of two companies each (70-80 men).
One artillery battalion of two companies (70-80 men).**

[Redacted] tank battalion: Lt. Col. [Redacted]

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Location of Armored Units.

Medlin:

HQ of Officer Training Unit
3rd Tank Regt; It was planned to transfer
this unit to

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Jahlema:

1st Tank Regiment.

Tarnow:

9th Tank Regiment.

Szczecin: (Stettin):

Tank Regiment.

Deputy garrison CO is Maj. Zbigniew Michalski.

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organization of a tank brigade is as follows:

Headquarters
Three tank battalions
Rifle battalion
Technical company
Headquarters company

(The brigade also includes a Chief of Information with the rank of lieutenant colonel, who is assisted by two officers and nineteen men.)

a. Headquarters:

Commanding Officer
Chief of Staff
Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel

b. Assignment:

CO's task
Task for Chief of Staff
Task for protective purposes

c. Political:

Deputy:
Lecturer:
Propaganda:
Librarian:
One typist.

Lieutenant Colonel
major
captain
lieutenant colonel

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d. Technical

Lieutenant Colonel
Two clerks (one with rank of 2nd lieutenant).

e. Quartermaster Branch Lieutenant Colonel

Equipment: Captain
Rations: Lieutenant
Paymaster
Fuel and Lubricants: Non-commissioned officer

f. Operations

One major
One captain

g. Intelligence Captain

h. Liaison Officers

One captain
One lieutenant
One 2nd Lieutenant

i. Signal Officer captain

j. Anti-air lieutenant

k. Records lieutenant

l. Secret Service 2nd lieutenant

m. Ciphers captain or lieutenant

n. Medical major, lieutenant and four enlisted men.
One three-ton vehicle.

o. Clerical: Three male typists

3. The organization of a task battalion is as follows:

Two companies: 10 tanks each; one tank for the CO.
Total: 21 tanks
One administrative platoon

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CO: major
 Chief of Staff: captain
 Political affairs: captain
 Administration: captain
 Operations: captain
 Technical: lieutenant
 Communications: 2nd lieutenant
 Finance: 2nd lieutenant

4. The organization of a tank company is as follows:

CO: captain
 Political Affairs: lieutenant
 Operations: lieutenant

Three Tank Platoons of three tanks each and a CO's tank, totaling ten tanks. The tanks are manned by crews of four men (the commander with the rank of 2nd lieutenant, the leader, the driver-mechanic, and mechanic). The tank commander operates the radio set.

5. The motorized rifle battalion has the following staff:

CO: major
 Deputy for Political Matters: captain
 Operations: captain
 Administration: lieutenant
 Technical Officer: lieutenant
 Communications Officer: 2nd lieutenant
 Finance: 2nd lieutenant
 Administrative platoon

6. Organization of a rifle company:

Three rifle platoons totaling approximately 140 men.

Anti-aircraft company: two platoons with two 20mm guns on half-tracks.

Anti-tank gun company: four 76 mm guns

Anti-tank rifle platoon: recently withdrawn

Reconnaissance platoon: two sections.

Technical company: Administrative platoon
 Electrotechnical platoon
 Workshop platoon
 Evacuation platoon

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7. Organization of a headquarters company:

Administrative platoon
 Messengers platoon
 Ration platoon
 Supplies platoon
 Headquarters Protection Section

8. On 28 February 1946 all tank brigades were reorganized as tank regiments. The composition of a T-34 tank regiment is as follows:

CO: colonel
 Chief of Staff: lieutenant colonel
 Political Deputy: lieutenant colonel plus one officer, a librarian, and a typist.
 Technical Deputy: lieutenant colonel and one clerk
 Quartermaster: a supply officer, rations officer, paymaster, and fuel NCO,
 Deputy Chief of Staff: major
 Intelligence Officer: captain
 Communications Officer: captain
 Records Officer: lieutenant
 Head of Officer: lieutenant

A tank regiment comprises two tank companies, one rifle company, one technical company, and one administrative company.

9. Composition of a tank company:

Commanding Officer: captain
 Political Deputy: lieutenant
 Military Deputy: lieutenant
 Administrative Section
 Three tank platoons of three tanks each plus CO's tank.
 Total: ten tanks
 The tank crew consists of CO (gunner), driver-mechanic, mechanic, and loader.

10. Composition of a rifle company:

Commanding Officer: captain
 Political Deputy: lieutenant
 Military Deputy: lieutenant
 Three rifle platoons: a total of about 140 men plus the administrative section.

11. KV-60 tank regiment (21 tanks)

Command: as in the T-34 tank regiment
 Four tank companies: five tanks each.
 The tanks are armed with 122 mm. guns of 152 mm. howitzers.

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